

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11-12, 14-16, 19-26 and 30-32 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 27-29 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 14 and 22 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claims 27-29 to place this application in condition for allowance. Claims 27-29 are canceled.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); and (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return an initialed copy of, the form PTO-1449 submitted with the September 15, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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